(c) whether it is also a fact that Reliance Industries has been granted a licence to manufacture Paraxylene and Benzene, if so, whether any provision has been made for supply of Naphtha to them and from what source ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Number of letters of intent issued for the manufacture of Benzene and Paraxylene is as under :—

	Benzene	Paraxylene
1983-84	—	—
1984-85	1	—
1985-86 (upto June)	1	—

(b) The licenced capacity of IPCL and Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. for the manufacture of Paraxylene is 48,600 tonnes/annum and 29,000 tonnes/annum respectively.

(c) M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) has been issued an industrial licence for the production of Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA). Paraxylene is an intermediate for the manufacture of PTA. No separate industrial licence is required for manufacture of Paraxylene as it is for captive consumption.

Supply of naphtha to M/s. RIL for manufacture of PTA has been planned from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and other sources, depending on the availability.

Production of Paraxylene

2574. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the parties which have been given licences to produce PTA, Paraxylene and Benzene and whether any public sector unit has also been recommended for producing these items; and

(b) whether Saleempur project has been permitted to produce Paraxylene and if so, what is the production capacity and what was the estimate of catalyst required for the first change ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH) : (a) I. *BENZENE* : Following units are producing Benzene :

— Indian Petro-chemicals Corporation Ltd. (IPCL).

— National Organic Chemical Industries Ltd. (NOCIL).

— Union Carbide India Ltd. (UCIL).

— Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC).

— The Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. (TISCO).

— The Indian Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. (IISCO).

— Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL).

— Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL).

Letters of intent have been issued to :

— Cochin Refineries Ltd (CRL).

— The Pradeshiya Industrial and Investment Corporation of U.P. Limited (PICUP).

— Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd.

II. *PARAXYLENE*

— Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (BRPL).

— IPCL.

III. *PURIFIED TEREPHTHALIC ACID (PTA)*

— Reliance Industries Ltd.

— PICUP.

IPCL, IOC, SAIL, BPCL, CRL and BRPL are central public sector companies. PICUP is a state public sector company.

(b) Paraxylene is an intermediate for production of PTA. A party who holds an industrial licence to manufacture PTA does not require a separate licence for manufacture of Paraxylene for its captive consumption.

The requirement of catalyst for Saleempur project has not been finalised and hence no proposal has been made to Government.

Distribution of Molasses

2575. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to change the pattern of distribution of Molasses to produce industrial alcohol and potable alcohol; and

(b) how much industrial alcohol and potable alcohol is manufactured State-wise and whether the Ministry has any control on the manufacture of Indian Liquor from potable alcohol; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) The entire question of control and distribution of molasses is under consideration of Government.

(b) The details of production of industrial alcohol and potable alcohol separately are not available However, the production of alcohol state-wise during the last year 1984-85 (December, 1984—November, 1985) is given in enclosed Statement (*See* below).

The manufacture of alcoholic drinks is regulated under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. Since November, 1975, there is a ban on creation of additional capacity or expansion of existing capacity for manufacture of alcoholic drinks except in 100% export oriented cases.

Statement

STATEWISE PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL DURING THE YEAR 1984-85 (DECEMBER, 1984—NOVEMBER, 1985)

Name of the State	Production of alcohol (Quantity in lakh litres)
Assam	3.30
Andhra Pradesh	386.16
Bihar	134.99
Guajarat	246.29
Himachal Pradesh	4.83
Orissa	20.80
Uttar Pradesh	1592.03
Maharashtra	1653.22
Haryana	118.53
Karnataka	471.78
Tamil Nadu	578.00
Rajasthan	124.10
Kerala	52.96
West Bengal	48.00
Nagaland	5.62
Madhya Pradesh	149.93
Punjab	292.27
Pondicherry	20.43
TOTAL :	5903.24

Import of power plant by Reliance Industries

2576. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express of 8th September, 1986 stating that power plant of 25 MW Capacity was permitted to be imported by Reliance Industries and if so, whether the possibility of procuring the plant indigenously through BHEL or otherwise examined in this regard; and